

EISCC General Meeting Minutes
Tuesday, July 11, 2023, Noon-1:30 PM

- ✚ **Welcome and Opening Prayer** by Elizabeth Maupin
- ✚ **Twenty-seven attendees** introduced themselves and were asked to enter their name, organization, and email address in the chat.
 - Elizabeth Dickinson, Faith Action Network, indicated that going forward she would be able to bring Legislative updates to this group (Jean Harris would like to be relieved of this duty)
 - Ryan Murk indicated thanks to all who have been involved in the evolution and success of CFH; announcements will be forthcoming regarding a Grand Celebration and Open House;
- ✚ **Link to join Eastside Interfaith** <http://eiscc.net/wp-content/uploads/2023/02/2023-EISCC-dues-letter-Jan-2023.pdf>
- ✚ **Brief reports:**
 - **EISCC Treasury report:** Total assets balance \$150,000 see http://eiscc.net/?page_id=69 for details;
 - **Congregations4Kids:** <http://congregations4kids.org/> We will be helping up to 2200 students, which include extras the district is projecting. We will be providing up to 1125 of them with backpacks, which also include extras that were requested by the district. We will provide school supplies for home use for all the school family connection centers, and students may request them there. The district is providing basic school supplies for community classroom use for all students this year, which is a change. The project will take place at Tillicum Middle School beginning in mid-August, with donations of backpacks and money turned in Aug. 14th and 15th. Number of donor congregations who have said they will participate is down this year, to just 10. We would still like to have additional ones. Please contact Nancy Jacobs at bnjacobs@frontier.com.
 - **Eastside Human Services Forum:** <http://eastsideforum.org> Expanding the support and impact of health and human services in East King County
 - **Spotlight: Covid Remembrance: Ceremony of Loss and Transformation, a Community Event; August 6 at Unity of Bellevue** www.unityofbellevue.org Please invite your communities;
- ✚ **Main Presentation: KCRHA (King County Regional Homelessness Authority) and Lived Experience, Marvin Futrell III**, Co-Director of Housing Command Center for KCRHA and Director of Policy and Strategy for Lived Experience Coalition, Member of the Board of Seattle Housing and Resource Effort and Community Organizer for Nickelsville. marvin@wearelec.org;
<https://kcrha.org/resources/partnership-for-zero/>;
<https://wearein.org/support-for-partnership-for-zero/>
 - The Theory of Change: to engage with other community partners and build off of centering around the voice of those with lived experience; opportunities for resolution, healing and justice; started in 2016, stalled during pandemic, today guides renewed agency for individuals within King Co.; looking to provide restorative justice and a more humane approach to the housing journey;
 - Advocating for the following:
 - connecting an unhoused individual and an uninhabited unit of housing (which is a very sophisticated view of a very complex problem);

- advocating for rent control;
- many life issues become extremely complex when an individual loses their housing for a year or more;
- Housing Command Center provides navigation to connect individuals to available housing; support for up to two years to help the individual become more stable in all aspects of life;
- <https://kcrha.org/regional-services-database/> Info regarding organizations
- Ombuds Office set-up to address issues as well as to create a record; currently a team of two but in the process of hiring more individuals; <https://kcrha.org/resources/ombuds/>;
- Knowledge of available spaces—King Co. has a rental registry; this identifies empty units; the challenge is affordable vs. not affordable; Tiny Home Villages—can operate staffed or unstaffed; this is dependent on the needs of each group; Marvin discussed how this approach could be more effective if the Tiny Homes were developed along with developing community;
- Both Mallory Mallory.vanabbema@kcrha.org and Marvin acknowledge the importance of faith-based communities and the work they have been called to do over time.
- KCRHA matches/aligns available regional service partners with individual or collective needs through Coordinated Entry (although there are not enough resources).

✚ **Announcements**

- Fair to introduce services available; Friday, July 14th, 11-3 PM, Redmond HOPELINK
- Eastside For All, Renters in Crisis, July 19th, 9-10:30 AM, join by ZOOM
<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/84447750798?pwd=Rm5GWdVcb1FtZmNaRGILaWNFS1QvUT09#success>
- Parliament For World Religions, Elizabeth Maupin seeking housing in Chicago, IL please contact Elizabeth if you have a contact, please contact Elizabeth at eli410maupin@gmail.com

✚ **Closing Prayer** by Elizabeth Maupin

UPCOMING 2nd Tuesday EISCC Meeting: Tuesday, August 8, 2023 **Topics: Nourishing Networks and Eastside Food Security**

EISCC BOARD MEMBERS 2022-2023—President and Eastside Human Services Forum Rep: Linda Hillesheim, Unity of Bellevue; Treasurer: Warren Marquardson, Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints; Secretary: Judy Buckmaster, St. Luke's Lutheran; At Large Member-Outreach/Islamic Center of Eastside Mosque and the Muslim Association of Puget Sound Mosque: Farida Hakim; At Large: Elizabeth Maupin, M.Div., Spirit of Peace UCC; At Large Member-Khizer Sherriff

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EISCC Mission Statement--Members of Eastside Interfaith Social Concerns Council (EISCC) believe we are guided by the moving of God's spirit in our community to work together in a spirit of caring and celebration. We honor and respect each other's religious heritage, welcome and pray for each other, and share information about pressing community needs. We provide a forum to educate, advocate, initiate, coordinate, and support through task forces and other means, to work for the common good, and to address human needs and improve the quality of life of those living in the Eastside communities.